Shares of Rajasthan and Orissa in Central Road Fund

2690. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the shares of Rajasthan and Orissa separately from the Central Road Fund and the amount paid to each State during 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96;

(b) the amount due till date and by when the balance is likely to be paid by Government to each State; and

(c) the amount by way of enhancement of Central Road Fund increased so far by Central Government particularly after passing of Resolution by Parliament in this regard recently and if no amount has been increased, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Allocation of funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) is done on lump-sum basis having regard to the accruals (which is based on consumption of petrol, except non-aviation fuel) of various States, schemes sanctioned and the funds made available by the Ministry of Finance. The share/allocation of funds during the last two years of Rajasthan and Orissa is as under:—

Years	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	
	Rajasthan	Orissa
1995-96	57.00	4.00
1996-97	51.00	2.00

(c) The resolution passed by the two Houses of Parliament for augmenting the CRF in May, 1988 has not yet been implemented.

Sales tax arrears in respect of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

2691. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate amount of sales tax arrears as on March 31, 1996 in respect of Hindustan Shipyard Limited;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government was requested to write off the said arrears in view of the financial position of the Company; and

(c) if so, the reaction of State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) As on 31.3.96, the Sales Tax Department of Andhra Pradesh Government has raised a demand for Rs. 53.00 crores approximately.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Government has informed that in the light of current ways and means position of the State Government, it is not in a position to forego the sales tax dues. However, State Government has been again requested to consider to calculate the sales tax for the past period at a rate of 3% and to write off the excess amount calculated earlier. They have also been requested to permit the Company to pay the balance amount in equated instalments and to levy sales tax on shipbuilding activity at concessional rate of 3% in future.

New National Highway during Ninth Five Year Plan

2692. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up with the Planning Commission for inclusion of the State roads proposed to be declared as National Highways during